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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Amendment & Response w/ Request for Extension and Authorization to Charge Deposit Account for Fees**
- 2. Drawing Change Authorization Request 5-sheets mark-up proposed drawing changes**

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Solids From A Manure Slurry**

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DRAWING CHANGE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

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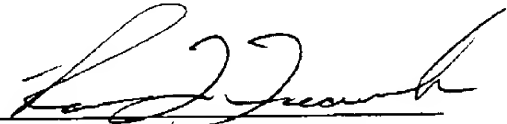
Please enter the drawing changes to the Figures 1, 3, 5 and 7-9 as proposed on the attached sheets. The proposed changes, hand written/annotated on the amended pages attached hereto, address the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) for allegedly not showing a specific feature in the claims, namely, the **varying pore size** feature.

Applicant requests approval of these proposed drawing changes.

**CHARGE STATEMENT:** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees that may be required relative to this application, or credit any overpayment, to our Account 03-3975, Order No. 024009-0276266 (RD-001).

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### **Drawings with Proposed Changes**